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Alameda County Water District to Host Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fishway Construction Project

Fremont, Calif. — The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) will host a groundbreaking ceremony on April 23 to celebrate the start of construction on the first of two planned fish ladders in Alameda Creek.

This much-anticipated project brings the District one step closer to its environmental goals and creates a more fish-friendly waterway. When the two fish ladders are complete, threatened steelhead trout and other fish will be able to migrate upstream past the District's rubber dams and a large flood control structure to gain access to the Alameda Creek watershed for the first time in nearly 50 years.

"Shovels in the ground today represent more than the start of a project," said Paul Sethy, ACWD Board President. "It signifies ACWD's promise to be good wildlife and environmental stewards, to have a proactive impact on steelhead restoration in Alameda Creek, and to work with environmental, regulatory, and community partners toward a common goal."

Construction of the ladders is supported by grant funding recently awarded from various agencies totaling close to \$10 million.

These projects will allow ACWD to continue operations of its rubber dams and water diversion pipelines along the creek to recharge the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner. The Alameda Creek watershed supplies about 40 percent of the water supply to the communities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City.

Date: Monday, April 23, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: End of Vallejo Street at the Alameda Creek entrance, Fremont

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